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Republican Leaders Believe Thursday Speech Will Prepare Way for Hughes.

PLAN MONSTER RALLY

Progressives Join in Preparations for State Welcome to Colonel at Lewiston.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt will deliver his first speech for Hughes and Fairbanks in Lewiston Thursday night. Republicans and Progressives will unite to give to his reception on that occasion a statewide significance. It will not be Lewiston merely but the State of Maine that will welcome the former President.

Republican leaders do not conceal their gratification at Roosevelt's entry into the Maine campaign. The result of the State elections, in their opinion, are not in doubt and never have been in doubt, yet it is admitted the campaign up to the present has left something to be desired. Wilson has not touched the high notes of enthusiasm. With Roosevelt's speech the ground will be prepared, the leaders believe, for a greeting to Charles E. Hughes when he comes that will carry conviction into the Wilson campaign, showing how fallacious is the claim of the President's friends that Maine is faltering in its allegiance to Republican principles and candidates.

Sweeping Victory Sought

The Hughes leaders say that if a Republican plurality were all that was desired that might be assured without bringing either Hughes or Roosevelt into the State. But Maine, in their judgment, should do more than elect a Republican Governor and two Republican United States Senators and three of the four congressional candidates. They want to see it roll up a Republican plurality in the September election and stand as a beacon to the country at large. They wish Maine as in the past to point the way unequivocally to a great Republican victory in the nation in November.

The Wilson Administration, as they know, is prepared to interpret even a normal Republican plurality in Maine as evidence that there is no strong demand for a change of President, and to have a show down as to where the people who are running the campaign stand with respect to his candidacy, and to have the backing of Murphy and Tammany in this. Privately they are pleased over the embarrassment all this has caused to the House-McAdoo-McAdoo combination, alleged to be running the Democratic campaign.

Democrats Fighting Hard

If the Democratic State ticket suffers a stunning defeat in the September elections it will not be for lack of help from Washington. The Wilson Administration has poured and continues to pour, its ablest spellbinders into the State. It has not withheld its Cabinet officers. Baker, Secretary of War; Redfield, Secretary of Commerce; and Gregory, Attorney-General, have spoken. How many others are to come is not known. As for speakers of less note, although they are numerous, they are not known. The State is fairly overrun with them.

These Democratic orators have not only failed themselves, they have failed the State in many points, and to that fact is ascribed the feeling which prevails to some extent in Democratic circles that Maine this year is a debatable ground.

Republicans assert that if any time has been lost on their part it will be made up. The feeling throughout the State is declared to be excellent. Progressives leaders are working in harmony with Republican leaders. There has been some holding back among the Progressives rank and file at certain points. But that amounts merely to saying Progressive enthusiasm for the ticket has not been aroused in equal degree in all parts of the State. Roosevelt's speech in Lewiston will change that, it is believed.

Hughes Popular in State

There is no question whatever of the popularity of Hughes with Maine voters, Progressives and Republicans. This has been one of the States in which Hughes always has been strong. The short tour which the Republican candidate for President has charged, conducted in this State will demonstrate, the leaders say, Maine's thoroughgoing and hearty approval of his nomination in Chicago.

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